



# MAKING A WORLD OF DIFFERENCE

## King County Combined Fund Drive Newsletter

### Appreciation Event

At this year's appreciation event we had a lot to express our appreciation for! State Employees exceeded the goal of \$5 million! We are one of only five states to have reached a contribution level in excess of \$5 million! In appreciation for such a fruitful 2003 campaign, the King County Steering Committee planned an evening with live music, refreshments, prizes, and a lovely

setting with a beautiful view at the Bell Harbor International Convention Center. The get together also provided an opportunity to meet and mingle with other coordinators dedicated to "Making a Difference". Agency and Local Coordinators and CFD Volunteers were invited to join us at the gala event! CFD Office Staff, Art Mead from the FTE Magazine and representatives from



the Washington State Patrol, who were involved with the Bring Home the Bacon races at the Launch, were there to celebrate as well. Thank you all. You have again raised the bar and provide a real challenge for the 2004 campaign year!

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### It's a Wonderful Life

Contributions from State of Washington employees exceeded FIVE MILLION DOLLARS this year.

- University of Washington Staff contributed \$1.4 million
- County wide contributions totaled \$2.13 million

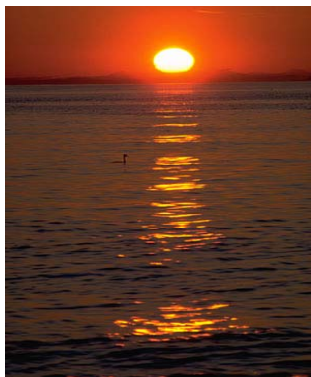
- Combined Statewide Employee contributions totaled \$5.077 million.

That's one heck of a lot of wonderful pumped into our communities locally, nationally, and internationally by State Employees! If you take a look at the Charity

Spotlight in this newsletter, you will learn a bit about how Combined Fund Drive supported charities provided a lifeline to some local residents.

Thank you all for such a successful 2003 Campaign year!





It is from numberless diverse acts of courage and belief that human history is shaped. Each time a man stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, he sends forth a tiny ripple of hope, and crossing each other from a million different centers of energy and daring those ripples build a current which can sweep down the mightiest walls of oppression and resistance.

ATtribution: Senator ROBERT F. KENNEDY, "Day of Affirmation," address at the University of Capetown, South Africa, June 6, 1966.—  
*Congressional Record*, vol. 112, June 6, 1966, p. 12430.

## Save the Date

Training for the new campaign year is already being planned. Based on feed back from the 2003 year campaign, to improve access to training we:

- Added different locations for training
- Added a fifth session to the schedule
- Scheduled training for a variety of days during the week

Final locations are yet to be announced but training will be held on  
Friday July 30, 2004 AM in the North End  
Wednesday August 11, 2004 PM in the South End  
Tuesday August 17, 2004 AM in Seattle  
Thursday August 26, 2004 AM  
Thursday September 8,

2004 AM in Seattle

More detailed information will be distributed electronically in the Spring. Meanwhile, if you are a coordinator this year and plan on continuing your involvement with CFD, or if you are considering offering your support as a coordinator for the first time this Campaign year, put it on your calendar and save the date that suits you best.



We are looking forward to seeing you there!

Did you have a particularly successful event or campaign last year? If so, we'd like to feature your story in the next newsletter. Please contact Val Meads at: [meadsvk@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:meadsvk@dshs.wa.gov)

# Changes in the Wind

The King County Steering Committee wants to extend our sincere thanks to Kim Taylor, formerly of the King County Convention and Trade Center, and Leanne Emmert from Labor and Industries as Co-Chairs of the 2003 committee. Their enthusiasm, energy, vision and dedication have been very much appreciated. We will miss them both, but wish them well as they move on.

Leanne has participated as a coordinator for the Combined Fund Drive for the past three years. She has been a member of the King County Steering Committee for three years as well. This last year she supported the CFD King County Steering Committee as Co-Chair. Though she is moving on to face other challenges, she says her heart will always be warmed by the wonderful things the CFD makes possi-

ble. Leanne has been our "Recruiter" during this last year. She never missed a recruiting opportunity that might benefit the CFD. She has made it her mission to lead others into a deeper appreciation of what the CFD is all about. She recruits them and puts them to work on behalf of the CFD! Thank you Leanne.

Kim has accepted a position outside state government with the Spirit of Washington Dinner Train. As a result she has had to leave her office of Co-Chair. However, she simply can't let go of the CFD! In addition to her new job, she is associated with Assist for Life Foundation. Now she can continue to indulge her passion for working with charitable organizations. Best of luck to you Kim. You will be greatly missed too.



Meanwhile, we on the Steering Committee feel very fortunate to have Deborah Russick from Department of Transportation –

Ferries, accepting the role of Chair. She is a strong supporter of the charities who are part of the Combined Fund Drive. She envisions a more efficient and effective King County Steering Committee. Her goal is to provide a base for even higher levels of success in King County's CFD Campaign in 2004. Welcome Deborah!

Contact us with questions or suggestions at [meadsvk@dshs.wa.gov](mailto:meadsvk@dshs.wa.gov); or [rus-sicd@wsdot.wa.gov](mailto:rus-sicd@wsdot.wa.gov).

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## Charity Spotlight

# King County Labor Agency—Reflecting Working Family Values

By Nancy Holland-Young  
*King County Labor Agency*

It had been four years since Betty was able to go outside and watch her grandchildren play in the backyard of her home. But thanks to the construction of a wheelchair ramp through a program of the King County Labor Agency, this Renton grandmother can now personally witness her grandchildren enjoying themselves. It is a sight Betty once believed unthinkable.

The wheelchair ramp program that helped Betty connect with her grandchildren is just one of the many programs of the King County Labor Agency. An organization founded in 1975 by the working women and men of the King County Labor Council and the United Way of King County, the Labor Agency assists basic community needs and provides volunteer opportunities for union members.

The Labor Agency also provides assistance

through its various food programs (food bank, shelter feeding, home delivery, holiday groceries) to thousands of community members each year.

Funded primarily by contributions from generous donors, the King County Labor Agency has also developed some new and unique programs such as providing school supplies for children, giving new mothers clothing and supplies for their infants and picking up and delivering (without charge) donated usable household good to families requesting such items.

With a mission of providing services reflecting working family values, the King County Labor Agency constantly works toward meeting special and individual needs in the community.

Continuing the vision of reflecting working family values, the national AFL-CIO has launched Labor's own charity, the Union Community Fund (UCF).

For many years union members in the state of

Washington have taken the lead by supporting the communities where they live and work. Now in addition to supporting the King County Labor Agency, union members have a new way to continue that tradition of building community partnerships and enhancing charitable giving to Washington State non-profit organizations through the Union Community Fund. UCF's work supports agencies and programs throughout the state of Washington with goals such as affordable housing and childcare, advocacy for immigrant and worker's rights, and achieving a livable wage for all workers.

Union members in Washington State now have a choice – through their charitable contributions, they can support the King County Labor Agency, the Union Community Fund, and their local United Way. These organizations combine the best in traditional services that promote social justice, economic equality, human services, and disaster relief.



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